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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION
ALLEGATION

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM SENATOR TSONGAS' OFFICE CONCERNING AN ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION BY GOZ AGAINST MUBI ASIN'THAL AKA HYPPOLYTE MUBI, A RESIDENT OF KINSHASA. ALLEGED VIOLATION MADE BY JANICE FREEMAN, COORDINATOR FOR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP 176. ACCORDING TO FREEMAN, MUBI WAS ARRESTED IN FEBRUARY 1981 IN KINSHASA FOR PLOTTING AGAINST THE GOZ. HE IS NOW SERVING A TEN MONTH SENTENCE. FREEMAN ASKED TSONGAS TO DETERMINE IF MUBI HAD RECEIVED QUOTE A FAIR AND OPEN TRIAL OR A SUMMARY TRIAL WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND HIMSELF. UNQUOTE.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON ABOVE ALLEGATION. DEPARTMENT WILL POUCH COPIES OF TSONGAS AND FREEMAN LETTERS. STOESSEL

END OF MESSAGE

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